

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please correct paragraph [0033] as indicated:

[0033] It can be understood that access by party 22 can include dialing a predetermined access number and inputting one or more passwords and/or codes, in a manner similar to user 12 access to VMS 10, as previously described. Input controller 20 can compare ~~subscriber~~ party 22 inputs with a subscriber database 30 of VMS 10 to verify that ~~user~~ party 22 has authority to input messages to VMS 10. During registration with VMS 10, party 22 can provide subscriber information that VMS 10 can store in subscriber database 30 of VMS 10, for example as a subscriber profile. It can be understood that party 22 can modify the subscriber information when accessing VMS 10 at 202.

Please correct paragraph [0037] as indicated:

[0037] When prompted, party 22 can record the message, as at 214 and the message can be stored (216) in the appropriate category message storage areas 28a-n of Fig. 1 for the designated categories, with associated identifiers for distribution and/or expiration. As determined at 218, party 22 can input additional messages by returning to 208, or can end inputting messages, as at 220. It can be recognized that access to VMS 10 can also end (220) after party 22 inputs a personal message, as at ~~[[106]]~~ 206. In one embodiment, the profile for party 22 in subscriber database 30 can include "subscribed to" data indicating those users 12 subscribing to messages from party 22. When party 22 inputs a message, the distribution can include sending the message to the personal messages storage area 26

and/or the subscriber category message storage area for the users 12 indicated by the
“subscribed to” data.